



# **VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS**

**January 31, 2014**

**The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from January 24, 2013 – January 30, 2014. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.**

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at [glose@viennava.gov](mailto:glose@viennava.gov))

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## **INCIDENTS**

**Grand Larceny 14-01071**

**Vienna Elementary School**

**128 Center Street, South**

**Between September 09, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and January 09, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.**

An employee reported that an iPad 2 had been taken from a storage room at the school.

This case is being investigated.

**Found Property 14-01090**

**400 Block MacArthur Avenue, NE**

**December 31, 2013 12:00 p.m.**

While replacing a furnace in his home the resident discovered a wallet in the duct work. The wallet may have been left by the previous homeowner.

The wallet will be held at the Vienna Police Department until the owner of the wallet can be identified.

**Bad Check 14-00893****1100 Block Kings Way Court, SW****Between January 16 at 9:00 a.m. and January 21 at 9:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that she posted a dress for sale on Craigslist. She stated she received an email from an individual advising they would like to purchase the dress and would send a check for the purchase.

The buyer sent a check which was written for much more than the asking price and informed the seller deposit the check, take the agreed upon amount and the balance was to be given to a wedding planner who would be picking up the dress.

The resident became suspicious that this may have been a scam after she deposited the check and was then notified by the bank that the check had been returned for insufficient funds.

The resident had not sent the dress or money to the buyer.

This case is being investigated.

**Suspicious Event 14-00890****500 Block Ridge Road, SW****January 24 11:25 a.m.**

Sgt. Farhan received information from the Fairfax County Police Department that a female, who was living in Vienna, had received an email that was threatening in nature.

Sgt. Farhan responded to the address given by the Fairfax County Police Officer and spoke with the current resident. The resident stated the woman was due to move into the residence however she changed her mind and decided not to move in.

The current resident did not have an address for the woman, but stated if she received another call from her she would contact the police department.

**Suspicious Event 14-00891****Cedar Lane School****101 Cedar Lane, SW****January 24 11:27 a.m.**

An employee reported that he smelled the odor of marijuana on a student. As the employee was questioning the student, about the odor, the student and another student fled from the school grounds.

Officer Tracy responded and located one of the students in the 100 block of Patrick Street SW. He transported the student back to the school and discovered that the second student had returned also.

The school employee contacted both students' parents and informed them that the school would be handling the discipline.

**Vandalism 14-00898****100 Block Kingsley Road, SW****January 24 2:48 p.m.**

A resident reported he had been away from his residence for an extended period of time and when he returned he discovered that one of his doors had been damaged and the lock broken.

Officer Tracy along with the resident searched the residence and found nothing out of place.

The resident was informed to notify the police department if he discovered later that something had been taken.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 14-00935****Lawyers Road at Malcolm Road, NW****January 25 1:43 a.m.**

Officer Reedy was on patrol and observed the operator of a vehicle commit a traffic infraction. Officer Reedy conducted a traffic stop and upon his interaction with the driver he detected the signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete several field sobriety tests he arrested Ms. Laura Anne Howton, 23, of St. Johnsbury Court in Reston, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Howton was transported to the Vienna Police Station where she was provided the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for an analysis. After the analysis she was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Ms. Howton was held on a \$3,000.00 bond.

**Trespassing 14-00939****100 Block Dogwood Street, SW****January 25 6:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that her estranged husband had dropped off several items of her property on the front lawn of her home after previously being told he was not permitted on the property.

MPO Seitz responded to the Fairfax County Magistrates office and obtained a warrant for Trespassing against the estranged husband.

**Case Update:****January 27 9:49 a.m.**

The estranged husband responded to the Vienna Police Station to turn himself in on a warrant obtained by MPO Seitz, charging him with Trespassing.

He was released after signing a summons.

**Destruction of Property 14-0955****100 Block Melody Lane, SW****January 25 8:30 p.m.**

A resident reported that a female had arrived at her home looking for the residents' son. After entering the residence the female located the residents' son in the bathroom.

The son refused to let the woman enter the bathroom which angered her to the point that she began banging and kicking the door, causing damage. The woman left the area prior to the arrival of the police.

The resident did not wish to pursue charges.

**Medical Case 14-00972****100 Block Melody Lane, SW****January 26 1:34 a.m.**

A resident reported that her son was in need of medical treatment.

Officer Reedy responded and assisted Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel transport the son to an area hospital for treatment.

**Medical Case 14-01000****Cedar Lane School****101 Cedar Lane, SW****January 27 7:50 a.m.**

MPO Shaw responded to the Cedar Lane School in reference to a student that became ill. Upon arrival he was met by members of the Fairfax County Rescue Squad who transported the student to an area hospital.

**Suspicious Event 14-01042****500 Block Princess Court, SW****January 27 4:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that while walking her dog she encountered a neighbor who was also walking his dog. As she walked in the direction of the other dog the dogs began to pull towards one another in an aggressive manner.

The resident crossed the street to avoid the dogs coming in contact with one another and as she did the other dog's owner began to curse at her.

MPO Shaw responded and spoke with both individuals who stated there had been a long standing neighbor dispute between the two families.

MPO Shaw advised both individuals to avoid each other.

**Police Service 14-01045**

**Center Street at Oak Street, SW**

**January 27 8:11 p.m.**

A resident reported that he placed hot embers, from his wood stove, into a plastic bucket and placed the bucket in the bed of his truck to be discarded. He later discovered the embers had burned through the bucket and caught the bed of the truck on fire.

The fire was extinguished prior to the arrival of the Fire Department or the Police Officer.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 14-01137**

**The Hope Center**

**140 Park Street, SE**

**January 29 12:05 a.m.**

An employee reported he had been bit on the hand while attempting to perform a medical procedure on a dog.

ACO Barker was contacted and informed that the dog had returned home to Fairfax County. The owner was informed of the quarantine process and agreed to quarantine the dog at home.

ACO Barker contacted Fairfax County Animal Control and they agreed to follow up with this case.

**Vandalism 14-01161**

**300 Block East Street, NE**

**Between January 29 at 6:00 p.m. and January 30 at 7:30 a.m.**

A resident reported that someone had thrown an egg at his legally parked vehicle.

**Vandalism 14-01171**

**8900 Block Miller Lane, NE**

**January 30 11:22 a.m.**

A resident reported that sometime during the night someone had thrown eggs at his house.

**Civil Case 14-01177**

**100 Block Moore Avenue, SW**

**January 30 1:30 p.m.**

A resident reported that he had been having a dispute with one of his tenants. The resident stated the tenant damaged a door after he had been locked out.

PFC Lyons responded and informed the landlord that this was a civil matter and not a matter for the police.

## **CRASHES**

### **200 Block Maple Avenue, West 14-00952**

**January 25 6:34 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was attempting to exit a parking lot when he collided with the driver of an east bound vehicle.

### **Lawyers Road at Maple Avenue, NW 14-00983**

**January 26 4:19 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling west bound on Maple Avenue attempting to make a left turn onto Courthouse Road, SW.

The driver of the second vehicle was traveling east bound on Maple Avenue attempting to make a left turn onto Lawyers Road, NW and struck the first vehicle.

### **300 Block Maple Avenue, West 14-01041**

**January 27 5:06 p.m.**

The drivers of two vehicles were traveling west bound on Maple Avenue, West.

The driver of the first vehicle stopped due to heavy traffic.

The driver of the second vehicle stated he was distracted while talking on his cell phone and rear ended the first vehicle.

### **Chain Bridge Road at James Madison Drive, NW 14-01135**

**January 29 2:23 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling east bound on Chain Bridge Road.

The driver of the second vehicle was attempting to make a left turn from James Madison Drive onto Chain Bridge Road and struck the first vehicle.

### **Maple Avenue near Berry Street, East 14-01138**

**January 29 2:54 p.m.**

The driver of a moving truck was attempting to exit a parking lot to enter Maple Avenue.

The driver of the second vehicle was also attempting to exit a parking lot and struck the moving truck.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None.

## **MEDIA RELEASES**

None.

## **OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES**

**Note to Citizens:** *Residents have reported receiving telephone calls by individuals claiming to be a relative and they have been arrested. The caller states they are in jail and need funds to get bailed out. The caller requests credit card information and/or for the victim to wire funds via Western Union or other transfer company. **These types of calls are scams. Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.***

**Note to Citizens:** *Please remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.*

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**Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.**

**See or Hear Something? Say Something!  
We WANT to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.**

**Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information on any of these cases at [glose@viennava.gov](mailto:glose@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6396.**